

DETAILED ACTION

1. The amendment filed September 3, 2009 has been entered. Claims 3-6 are cancelled and claims 1-2 and 7-14 remain pending.

Drawings

2. The objections to the drawings are withdrawn in view of the amendment filed September 3, 2009.

Specification

3. The objections to the specification are withdrawn in view of the amendment filed September 3, 2009.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

4. The rejections of the claims under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, are withdrawn in view of the amendment filed September 3, 2009.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

5. The rejections of the claims under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) are withdrawn in view of the amendment filed September 3, 2009 and the Examiner's Amendment below.

Response to Arguments

6. Applicant's arguments, see page 12 of the reply filed September 12, 2009, with respect to claim 1 have been fully considered and are persuasive. The rejection of the claim 1 has been withdrawn. US Patent Application Publication 2003/0056851 to Eriksen et al. does not disclose nor render obvious a container for sealing fluid including a valve device integrated inside the container, the valve device having an inlet, an outlet and a control member moveable from a closed position wherein the inlet and outlet are closed from inside the container to an open position wherein the inlet and outlet communicate with the inside of the container.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

7. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Matthew Pequignot on November 4, 2009.

The application has been amended as follows:

In Claim 1 (Patent Claim 1):

In line 5, **delete** "in" and **insert** - - inside - - therefor.

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In Claim 9 (Patent Claim 5):

In line 1, **delete** "14" and **insert** - - 8 - - therefor;

In line 3, following "container (3);" **insert** - - and - -; and

In lines 6-9, **delete** "; and said rod (27) cooperating at the end in fluid-tight manner with an annular portion of a bottom wall (47) of said cavity (48) surrounding said axial conduit (54)".

The Examiner's Amendment is entered to clarify that the valve device is integrated inside the vessel and to overcome a potential rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, based on a lack of antecedent basis within the claims.

Allowable Subject Matter

8. Claims 1, 2 and 7-14 are allowed

9. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: the prior art does not disclose nor render obvious a container for sealing liquid for repairing inflatable articles comprising a valve device having an inlet connectable to a compressed air feed line and an outlet for dispensing sealing liquid, said valve device integrated inside the container and housed in an opening thereof, wherein the inlet and outlet are closed from inside the container by a moveable control member of the valve device in combination with the claimed invention as a whole. Further, claims 13 and 14 are allowable for the reasons set forth by the examiner in the office action dated March 3, 2009. US Patent 6,889,723 discloses a container for sealing liquid comprising a

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vessel having an opening, an inlet connectable to a compressed air line, an outlet for dispensing sealing liquid and valves for closing means to close the opening of the container. However, the '723 patent uses separate valves for the inlet and outlet and the valves are not integrated inside the container, nor are the inlet and outlet closed from inside the container.

Conclusion

10. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to NICOLAS A. ARNETT whose telephone number is (571)270-5062. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday 7:30 AM to 3:30 PM EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Greg Huson can be reached on (571) 272-4887. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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